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March 13, 2017

Dear Mr. Pruitt,

My name is Tammie Wilson and I am the State Representative for North Pole, Alaska. The EPA, based on the Clean Air Act, designated the Fairbanks North Star Borough as a PM 2.5 nonattainment area after the agency decreased the requirement from 65 micrograms per cubic meter (24-hour average) to 35 micrograms per cubic meter. The borough was just under the 65 micrograms per cubic meter so our air has not substantially changed but the standard did.

Wood-fired space heating devices, predominantly wood/pellet stoves and hydronic heaters, are used by a growing number of Borough residents to heat homes and businesses. The amount of wood burning has nearly doubled since 2006; which is a direct response to increases in the price of heating oil and the lack of low-cost, clean-burning alternative fuels.

The Alaska Department of Conservation peer Review states that weather is a primary problem in reaching attainment within Interior Alaska. The residents cannot change the geographic features of our area. This is an energy issue! Until we solve accessibility to affordable energy, those living in our cold environment with severe inversions will continue to utilize solid fuel burning devices.

So what has been accomplished thus far:

1. The borough has developed and implemented an education program. I am happy to report that I have personally witnessed more wood being cut earlier and covered throughout the nonattainment area. Many homeowners now have over a year's worth of split wood ready to be used.
2. The change-out program has now upgraded or removed solid fuel devices at a cost of over \$10 million utilizing both state, federal and local funding. It is estimated that at least 550 solid fuel burning devices will be upgraded a year. In 2013, the borough targeted the hot zones providing more incentive for those areas. A voucher like system for those unable to forward fund the upgrade has also been put into place.
3. The City of Fairbanks has a moratorium on additional outdoor hydronic appliances being placed within the city limits.

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4. The state now responds to all complaints. They have taken action on owners of solid fuel burning devices that were in violation of state statute. The state has budgeted \$44,000,000 for residents to take part in the Weatherization program for low income households, as well as, the Home Energy Rebate program. Heating devices within either of these programs can be upgraded.
5. Most important is the Interior Energy Project which is working toward bringing low cost energy in the form of gas to the Interior. The state has allocated over \$362 million for financing of this project.
6. The Alaska Legislature has given approval for the State to move forward with a gas pipeline.

The EPA is now threatening to reclassify the Borough as "serious" which would cause even stricter rules and regulations on my constituents. This will be devastating to the North Pole area. The FNSB has divided North Pole and Fairbanks into separate areas. This new designation will cause more NO BURN BANS during the winter in my district.

What more does the EPA require? Again, weather is the most significant nonattainment factor; so how do we accurately measure the progress our community is making? If we continue the current programs while moving forward with a gas project, will this not be enough? Please help my community as we have come a long way but cannot afford to keep being penalized for an issue that is mostly out of our control.

I appreciate your time and look forward to any assistance you can give me.

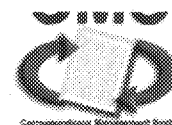
Sincerely,



Rep. Tammie Wilson

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